**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL****PATENT**

Application No.: 10/731,312
Filing Date: December 8, 2003
First Named Inventor Kenneth S. McElvain, et al.
Examiner's Name: Not yet assigned
Art Unit: 2825
Attorney Docket No.: 02986.P008DC

An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
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 Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

ATTACHMENTS

Preliminary Amendment
 Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
 Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
 Notice of Appeal
 RCE (Request for Continued Examination)
 Supplemental Declaration
 Terminal Disclaimer (reminder: if executed by an attorney, the attorney must be properly of record)
 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 Copies of IDS citations
 Petition for Extension of Time
 Fee Transmittal Document (that includes a fee calculation based on the type and number of claims)
 Cross-Reference to Related Application(s)
 Certified Copy of Priority Document
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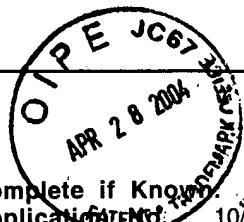
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility application filing fee	_____
1002	340	2002	170	Design application filing fee	_____
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	_____
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	_____
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional application filing fee	_____

SUBTOTAL (1)\$ 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	- 20	=	25	X	18.00	=	450.00	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	3	- 3	=	0	X	_____	_____	_____
Multiple Dependent Claims				0	X	_____	= 0	_____

**Or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below.

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	
1202	18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204 43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

<u>Large Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	
1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1813	8,800	1813 8,800 Request for inter parties reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502 240 Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503 320 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809 385 For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1814	110	2814 55 Statutory Disclaimer	
1810	770	2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
1504	300	1504 300 Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal pub.	
1505	300	1505 300 Publication fee for republication	
1803	130	1803 130 Request for voluntary publication or republication	
1808	130	1808 130 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) (except provisionals)	
1454	1,330	1454 1,330 Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority	

Other fee (specify) _____

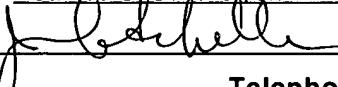
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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